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In a computer system that includes a plurality of client systems and a plurality of server systems, all interconnected by a network infrastructure, wherein the plurality of server systems provide access to sites storing Web pages or other data, and wherein one or more of the client systems comprises a computing device having a processing system that includes program instructions used in the operation of the one or more client systems, such as in retrieving data from said sites, a method of restoring a corrupted portion of the program instructions at a client system, wherein the restoring occurs automatically and without user intervention, the method comprising the client system performing the following steps:

during initialization, checking the validity of system program instructions at the client system and thereafter checking the validity of application program instructions at the client system;

determining that a corrupted state exists in at least a portion of any of the checked program instructions;

in response to determining that the corrupted state exists, connecting the client system to one of the server systems of sites that contains a replacement for the corrupted portion of the program instructions;

receiving the replacement from said one of the server systems or sites; and replacing the corrupted portion of the program instructions with the replacement.

